

## **Genetic Testing Information Sheet for Applicants**

A consul has suggested that you consider DNA testing to prove a parent-child biological relationship in conjunction with your application. DNA testing, which analyzes the genetic material present in human cells, has been found to be more than 99 percent accurate in verifying parent-child relationships. Testing is entirely voluntary and you are responsible for paying all associated costs and expenses. The results are typically available within a month.

### **Instructions:**

You are responsible for contacting the laboratory directly and making the necessary arrangements (including payment) for the genetic testing. AABB labs are listed at: <http://www.aabb.org/sa/facilities/Pages/RTestAccrFac.aspx>

1. When selecting a DNA laboratory, you must ensure the facility:
  - a. Processes buccal swab tests
  - b. Processes testing for the particular relationship in question
  - c. Will ship test kits internationally
2. You are also responsible for ensuring:
  - a. Compliance with the chosen laboratory's requirements for the handling of the test kit.
  - b. Pre-payment for return shipping (The consulate will not schedule a DNA collection appointment, unless evidence of return shipping prepayment is received with the DNA kit. A prepaid number must be posted on label/air bill.)
3. The U.S. laboratory must send the testing kit with detailed instructions directly to the US Consulate at the following address.

American Consulate General  
Fraud Prevention Unit  
C-49, G Block Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East)  
Mumbai 400 051

Telephone +91-22-2672-4000
4. Once the kit is received by the Consulate, you will be contacted to schedule the DNA collection appointment at the U.S. Consulate. Appointments are offered in the afternoons.
5. On the morning of the appointment at the Consulate, you must pay a fee of **Rs. 300/person** to the Lilavati Hospital at the below address. The fee covers the cost of the hospital providing a lab technician for the DNA collection.

- a. The Cashiers Window, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the hospital, is open from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- b. You'll be asked to present a letter with the names of subjects to be tested and photo identification.
- c. Once you've paid the fees, you are required to provide one copy of the receipt to the pathology lab also located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

Lilavati Hospital  
A - 791, Bandra Reclamation  
Bandra (W), Mumbai - 400 050

6. For the DNA collection appointment at the U.S. Consulate, you must provide:
  - a. Test subjects' original passports and photocopies of passports. If no passport exists, as in the case of an infant, please present the original birth certificate plus a photocopy.
  - b. Passport-size photos of test subjects
  - c. Hospital receipt for paid DNA collection fees (see above)
7. Following the DNA collection, the Consulate will ship the test kit back to the U.S. laboratory. Test results must be sent directly to the Consulate. You will be contacted when the results are received.
8. For further information, applicants may contact the Consulate's Fraud Prevention Unit:

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